REMARKS

Claims 1 through 3, 6, 7 and 9 through 33 are pending in the present application. Claims 4, 5 and 8 were previously canceled.

In section 7 of the Office Action, claims 1 through 3, 6, 7 and 9 through 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,549, 216 to Schumacher et al. (hereinafter "the Schumacher et al. patent) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0154172 A1 to Guyan et al. (hereinafter "the Guyan et al. publication). Applicants are traversing this rejection.

Claim 1 provides a process for automatically revising data in a database of file records stored in a computer. The process includes, *inter alia*, (a) <u>identifying an occurrence of an event</u> that occurs while a task is being accomplished to revise an entry in a database of file records, and (b) recording in a memory, <u>a response to the event</u>, wherein the response is <u>performed by a human operator</u> interacting with a graphical user interface of a computer.

The Office Action recognizes that the Schumacher et al. patent does not explicitly teach identifying an occurrence of an event that occurs while a task is being accomplished to revise an entry in a database of file records. However, the Office Action suggests that the Guyan et al. publication discloses this feature at sections 1304, 1641 and 1643 and FIG. 14. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's assessment of this aspect of the Guyan et al. publication.

Section 1304 of the Guyan et al. publication states:

> The Claim Folder <u>identifies critical events</u> that occur in the life of a claim, such as a change of status, <u>which can trigger responses in other components to perform automated functions</u>, like triggering tasks in the Task Assistant. (emphasis added).

Section 1641 and 1643 describe aspects of components shown in FIG. 14. In particular, section 1641 states:

> As shown in FIG. 14, the Event Processor 1400 utilizes a common queue 208 of events 1006 that are populated by any component 1402 of the system to identify what events have occurred. Working this queue, the Event Processor determines the appropriate response for an event and provides information to other components that need to process them. (emphasis added).

Thus, in the Guyan et al. publication, section 1304 indicates that responses to events are performed automatically by other components, and section 1641 indicates that an event processor determines an appropriate response for an event. However, the Guyan et al. publication does not disclose identifying an event, where a response to the event is performed by a human operator. Consequently, the cited combination of the Schumacher et al. patent and the Guyan et al. publication neither discloses nor suggests (a) **identifying an occurrence of an event** that occurs while a task is being accomplished to revise an entry in a database of file records, and (b) recording in a memory, **a response to the event**, wherein the response is **performed by a human operator** interacting with a graphical user interface of a computer, as recited in claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable over the cited combination of the Schumacher et al. patent and the Guyan et al. publication.

Independent claims 11, 16 and 21 each include recitals similar to those of claim 1, as described above. Thus, claims 11, 16 and 21, for reasoning similar to that provided in support of claim 1, are also patentable over the cited combination of the Schumacher et al. patent and the Guyan et al. publication.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 26 and 27 depend from claim 1; claims 12 through 15, 28 and 29 depend from claim 11; claims 17 through 20, 30 and 31 depend from claim 16; and claims 22 through 25, 32 and 33 depend from claim 21. At least because of these dependencies, claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 through 15, 17 through 20, 22 through 33 are all patentable over the cited combination of references.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the section 103(a) rejection of claims 1 through 3, 6, 7, and 9 through 33.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims presented in this application patentably distinguish over the prior art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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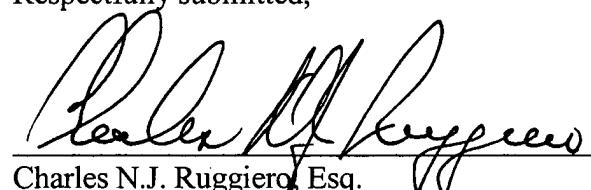
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